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SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

COUNTRY

TOPIC 1. Bautzen-Litten Airfield

2. Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. In early January 1953, five mobile excavators were employed at Litten-Neupurschwitz airfield. The two hangars on both sides of the flight control station near kilometer marker 4.0 on the Baschuetz-Neupurschwitz road were under reconstruction. On 30 January, the two-meter brick wall built along the Baschuetz-Neupurschwitz road from kilometer marker 3.3 was completed almost as far as Neupurschwitz. It appeared that construction work at the field was delayed by unfavorable weather conditions. There was no air activity at the installation on 26 and 30 January.
2. In January, the Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen quartered Volkspolizei personnel and about 200 Soviet soldiers. Masts for an electric line were being set up at intervals of 30 meters along the fence around the installation.

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4. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 23 and 25 January, source observed about 15 single-engine planes over Weisswasser. Source learned that these planes had come from Bautzen.

5. On 30 January, no air activity was observed at Bautzen-Litten airfield. There was no change in the status of the single-story temporary buildings, which were half completed. Two excavators were in operation. A brick wall from two to three meters high was under construction on the southern border of the field, along the Baschnetz-Neupurschwitz road. The Kreckwitz-Baschnetz road was declared off-limits by signboards enlittered in several languages. Construction work was observed east of the Purschwitz-Neupurschwitz road.

6. On 30 January, source observed very little activity at the Husaren Kaserne, which was occupied by an estimated 60 to 80 VP. The gate on Kollwitz Strasse was guarded by VP soldiers, who wore blue collar patches and were armed with rifles. At 12:15 p.m., two female VP members who wore blue collar patches and silver cross bars on their epaulets left the installation. Air activity was last observed at the field on 10 January. As the occupation of the barracks installation appeared to be very light, source believed that the unit previously stationed there had moved to some other place.

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1. Comment. The report indicates that construction work at Bautzen-Litten airfield may have necessitated the transfer of the 3d VP air regiment. It appears that at least elements of this regiment moved to Kamenz, where a considerably larger number of aircraft has been observed since early February 1953.

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